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a portable device configured at least for receiving the operational parameter as transmitted by the second arrangement for use by the portable device.

5 96. In a drilling system for performing an underground boring operation including a drill rig and a boring tool which is configured for moving through the ground using a drill string which extends from the drill rig to the boring tool such that the underground boring operation forms an underground bore, a method comprising the steps of:

transferring at least one operational parameter through the drill string from the boring tool to the drill rig, said operational parameter relating to at least one of a utility to be installed in the underground bore, the drill rig and the boring tool; and

10 transmitting a data signal, relating at least to the operational parameter as received, from the drill rig to a portable device for use by the portable device.

#### Remarks

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